

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION**

**NATIONAL UNION FIRE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
PITTSBURGH, P.A.,
Plaintiff**

V.

**WAUSAU UNDERWRITERS
INSURANCE CO., AND LIBERTY
MUTUAL GROUP, INC.,
Defendants**



CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:15-cv-586

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION
UNDER 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332 and 1441(b) (DIVERSITY)**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Defendants Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company and Liberty Mutual Group Inc. (collectively, “Wausau”)¹ hereby petition this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446 for removal, on the basis of diversity jurisdiction, to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division, of the action styled *National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, P.A. v. Wausau Underwriters Insurance Co and Liberty Mutual Group, Inc.*; Cause No. 141-279513-15, currently pending in the 141st Judicial District Court of Tarrant County, Texas (the “State Court Case”), and in support thereof would respectfully show this Court as follows:

I. FACTS

1. Plaintiff National Union and Defendant Wausau are the excess and primary commercial liability insurance carriers, respectively, for named insured Wasco Products, Inc.

¹ Wausau Underwriters is a member of the Liberty Mutual Group and is the entity that issued the insurance policy in dispute. Wausau Underwriters and Liberty Mutual Group will be referred to individually when necessary.

Wasco Products was sued in a case styled: *Landers v. Wasco Products, Inc., et al.*; Cause No. 48-257207-1, in the 48th Judicial District Court of Tarrant County, Texas (“Underlying Lawsuit”). The jury returned a verdict in the Underlying Lawsuit, finding Wasco Products forty-five percent (45%) responsible on a damages award of \$33,839,900.00.² Plaintiff National Union filed suit in the State Court Case on June 30, 2015, seeking a declaration that Wausau is liable for any judgment in excess of Wausau’s policy limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence because Wausau failed to settle the Underlying Lawsuit when it had the opportunity to do so. National Union’s policy limits are \$10,000,000. National Union asserts that it is entitled to this declaration under a theory of equitable subrogation. Wausau denies National Union’s allegations and claims for relief.

2. Defendants Wausau Underwriters and Liberty Mutual Group were both served with National Union’s Petition and citation on July 6, 2015. Both Defendants filed their Original Answers on July 24, 2015. A true and correct copy of all pleadings, process, orders, and correspondence served in this action is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference.

3. Plaintiff seeks to “hold[] Wausau and Liberty Mutual responsible for all funds paid in excess of the Primary Policy’s limits.” Petition ¶ 5.9. In an action for declaratory relief, the amount in controversy is “the value of the right to be protected or the extent of the injury to be prevented.” *Hartford Ins. Grp. v. Lou-Con Inc.*, 293 F.3d 908, 910 (5th Cir. 2002) (internal citation omitted). Based on the jury findings in the Underlying Lawsuit, National Union seeks protection of its \$10,000,000 policy limits.

4. Complete diversity exists between the Plaintiff and Defendants now as well as on

² The trial court has not rendered judgment yet in the Underlying Lawsuit.

the date of filing of the State Court Case. Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of the State of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business in New York, New York. Petition ¶ 2.1. Defendant Wausau Underwriters is an insurance company incorporated in Wisconsin with its principal place of business in Massachusetts. Defendant Liberty Mutual Group is a citizen of Massachusetts with its principal place of business in Massachusetts.

5. Plaintiff has not made a jury demand in the State Court Case.

6. This action is a civil action which may be removed to this Court by Defendants pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441(a) and 1332(a) in that it is between citizens of different states; it is a civil action wherein the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interests and costs; and no Defendant is a citizen of the State of Texas.

II. PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), written notice of filing of this Notice will be given to all adverse parties promptly after the filing of this Notice.

8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), a true and correct copy of this Notice will be filed with the clerk of the 141st Judicial District Court of Tarrant County, Texas, promptly after the filing of this Notice.

9. Attached hereto and incorporated herein, are the following items:

Exhibit A: A true and correct copy of all pleadings, process, and orders served in this action.

Exhibit B: State Court Case docket sheet.

Exhibit C: List of all counsel of record.

Exhibit D: Index of all documents filed with the Court.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendants Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company and Liberty Mutual Insurance Group Inc. request that this action be removed from the 141st Judicial District Court of Tarrant County, Texas, to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division, and that this Court enter such further orders as may be necessary and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANTS

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 5, 2015, a true and correct copy of this document was filed via the Court's ECF system pursuant to LR5.1. The notice of electronic filing generated by the ECF system constitutes service of the document on counsel who are registered users of the system. Any other counsel of record will be served pursuant to FRCP 5(b) on this same date.

Via Facsimile (713) 658-8253

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Houston, Texas 77007
Attorneys for Plaintiff

/s/ Catherine L. Hanna

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EXHIBIT “A”

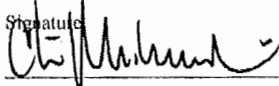
CIVIL CASE INFORMATION SHEET 141-279513-15

CAUSE NUMBER (FOR CLERK USE ONLY): _____ COURT (FOR CLERK USE ONLY): _____

STYLED National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA vs. Wausau Underwriters Insurance Co. and Liberty Mutual Group, Inc.

(e.g., John Smith v. All American Insurance Co; In re Mary Ann Jones; In the Matter of the Estate of George Jackson)

A civil case information sheet must be completed and submitted when an original petition or application is filed to initiate a new civil, family law, probate, or mental health case or when a post-judgment petition for modification or motion for enforcement is filed in a family law case. The information should be the best available at the time of filing.

1. Contact information for person completing case information sheet: Name: _____ Email: _____ Chester J. Makowski _____ makowski@pkmtexas.com Address: _____ Telephone: _____ 5300 Memorial Drive, #675 _____ 713-658-1111 City/State/Zip: _____ Fax: _____ Houston, Texas 77007 _____ 713-658-8253 Signature:  State Bar No: _____ 12852950		Names of parties in case: Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s): _____ National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA Defendant(s)/Respondent(s): _____ Wausau Underwriters Insurance Co Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. (Attach additional page as necessary to list all parties)		Person or entity completing sheet is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Se Plaintiff/Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Title IV-D Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Additional Parties in Child Support Case: Custodial Parent: _____ Non-Custodial Parent: _____ Presumed Father: _____	
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CAUSE NO.: _____

NATIONAL UNION FIRE	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
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PITTSBURGH, PA.,	§	
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Plaintiff	§	
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vs.	§	
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	§	TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS
WAUSAU UNDERWRITERS	§	
INSURANCE CO. AND	§	
LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP, INC.,	§	
	§	
Defendants	§	_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

TO THE JUDGE OF THIS COURT:

The Plaintiff, National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. ("National Union"), files this original complaint for declaratory relief pursuant to the Texas Declaratory Judgment Act, and all other applicable law, and in support thereof, would respectfully show as follows:

I. DISCOVERY

1.1 National Union requests that discovery be conducted under Level 3 of Rule 190.3 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

II. PARTIES

2.1 The Plaintiff, National Union, is an insurance company incorporated in the State of Pennsylvania, with its principal place of business at 175 Water Street, 18th Floor, New York, New York 10038. National Union is an insurer authorized to do business in the State of Texas

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under Texas Department of Insurance Company No. 59500, and National Association of Insurance Commissioners No. 19445.

2.2 The Defendant, Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company, a member of the Liberty Mutual Group of Companies (“Wausau”), is an insurance company incorporated in the State of Missouri with its principal place of business at 175 Berkeley Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116-5066, Texas Department of Insurance Company No. 93527, and National Association of Insurance Commissioners No. 26042, and authorized to engage in the business of insurance in Texas.

2.3 The Defendant, Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. (“Liberty Mutual”) is an insurance company incorporated in the State of Massachusetts with its principal place of business at 175 Berkeley Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116-5066.

III. SERVICE

3.1 According to the Texas Department of Insurance, Wausau may be served with process as follows:

Corporation Service Company
211 East 7th Street, Suite 620
Austin, Texas 78701 -3218

3.2 Liberty Mutual may be served with process as follows:

Corporation Service Company
211 East 7th Street, Suite 620
Austin, Texas 78701 -3218

IV. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4.1 This Court has personal and subject matter jurisdiction as the Defendants do business in Tarrant County, and the underlying lawsuit which is the subject of this action is pending in Tarrant County, and the matter in controversy exceeds, exclusive of interest and

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costs, the jurisdictional limits of this Court. This action also is brought pursuant to the Texas Declaratory Judgment Act, Chapter 37 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

4.2 Venue of this action in this Court is proper because the Defendants have done business in this District and are subject to personal jurisdiction in this District.

V. FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND LEGAL POSITION

5.1 Wasco Products, Inc. (“Wasco”) was sued by Steven Landers in the 48th Judicial District Court of Tarrant County, Texas under Cause No. 48-257207-1, and styled *Landers v. Wasco Products, Inc., et al.* (“the Underlying Lawsuit”).

5.2 Wausau issued a primary commercial general liability policy listing Wasco Products, Inc. as the named insured under Policy No. YVJ-Z91-531699-030, with coverage commencing on 1 July 2010, and ending on 1 July 2011, providing a general aggregate limit of \$2,000,000 with \$2,000,000 aggregate for products/completed operations and \$1,000,000 in coverage per occurrence (“the Primary Policy”).

5.3 National Union issued an excess commercial liability policy to Wasco Products, Inc. under Policy No. 010173035 commencing on 1 July 2010, and ending on 1 July 2011, providing \$10,000,000 in coverage in excess of the Wausau policy’s primary aggregate limits of \$2,000,000 coverage for products/completed operations and \$1,000,000 in coverage per occurrence.

5.4 Tony Dante, Senior Technical Claim Specialist at Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. at its Lawrenceville, Georgia office, was handling the claim for Wausau.

5.5 National Union repeatedly requested that Wausau and Liberty Mutual settle the Lawsuit within its primary limits; however, Wausau and Liberty Mutual have failed to do so. In

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fact, by a letter dated 17 March 2015, National Union noted that there was a mediator's proposal to settle the case for \$375,000 which was rejected by Wausau and Liberty Mutual.

5.6 Thereafter, the Underlying Lawsuit was tried to a jury which rendered a verdict in the amount of \$33,839,900, wherein Wasco was found to be 45% responsible.

5.7 After the verdict, National Union sent a letter dated 3 May 2015 to the Defendants once again requesting that they settle the Underlying Lawsuit within the primary limits. National Union issued the letter on the basis that a primary insurer has a duty, under a theory of equitable subrogation to the excess carrier, to accept reasonable settlement offers within primary policy limits. *American Centennial Ins. Co. v. Canal Ins. Co.*, 843 S.W.2d 480, 483-85 (Tex. 1992). National Union further stated that it was issuing its letter without waiving its rights of equitable subrogation as set forth above. *See, e.g., Westchester Fire Ins. Co. v. Admiral Ins. Co.*, 152 S.W.3d 172 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth 2004, rev. denied).

5.8 Wausau and Liberty Mutual failed to settle the Underlying Lawsuit.

5.9 Pursuant to *American Centennial Ins. Co. v. Canal Ins. Co.*, 843 S.W.2d 480, 483-85 (Tex. 1992), National Union is pursuing its claim under the theory of equitable subrogation for Wausau's and Liberty Mutual's failure to accept reasonable settlement offers within primary policy limits, and hereby holds Wausau and Liberty Mutual responsible for all funds paid in excess of the Primary Policy's limits.

VI. CLAIM FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF AND OTHER DAMAGES

6.1 An actual controversy has arisen and now exists between the parties relating to Wausau's failure to settle the Underlying Lawsuit within the Primary Policy's limits. Declaratory judgment is, therefore, necessary and National Union requests a declaration of its rights under the theory of equitable subrogation. National Union requests a declaration from this

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Court that Wausau and Liberty Mutual are financially responsible for the judgment in excess of the Primary Policy's limits for its failure to settle the case when it had the opportunity to do so, but failed to.

6.2 National Union has retained the law firm of Plavnicky Kinzel Makowski LLP to represent it in this action, and National Union has agreed to pay the firm reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees and expenses. An award of these reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by National Union would be equitable and just, and National Union seeks recovery of them pursuant to this declaratory judgment action.

VII. CONCLUSION AND PRAYER

National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. respectfully prays that Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company and Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. be cited to appear herein, and that on final hearing hereof, National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. be awarded a judgment against Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company and Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. declaring that Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company and Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. are financially responsible for the judgment in excess of the Primary Policy's limits for their failure to settle the Underlying Lawsuit when it had the opportunity to do so, but failed to, and to all other relief that National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. may show itself justly entitled to both in law and in equity.

Respectfully submitted,

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Address for Service: <u>See next page for Address</u>		Party Type: <u>Defendant</u>
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Attach additional pages if there are more parties to be served.

ATTORNEY(OR ATTORNEY'S AGENT) REQUESTING SERVICE:

NAME: Chester J. Makowski TEXAS BAR NO./ID NO. 12852950
 MAILING ADDRESS: Plavnick Kinzel Makowski LLP, 5300 Memorial Drive, # 675, Houston, TX 77007
 PHONE NO: 713-658-1111 FAX NO.: 713-658-8253
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2. **Name of Party to be served:** LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP, INC.

Address for Service: Corporation Service Company
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NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PITTSBURG
VS.
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TO: WAUSAU UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE CO.

B/S CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY REG AGT 211 E 7TH ST STE 620 AUSTIN, TX
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You said DEFENDANT are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days after the date of service hereof before the 141st District Court in and for Tarrant County, Texas, at the Courthouse in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas said PLAINTIFF being

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NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PITTSBURG

Filed in said Court on June 30th, 2015 Against
WAUSAU UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE CO., LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.

For suit, said suit being numbered 141-279513-15 the nature of which demand is as shown on said ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT a copy of which accompanies this citation.

CHESTER MAKOWSKI

Attorney for NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PITTSBURG P
Address 5300 MEMORIAL DR STE 675 HOUSTON, TX 77007

Thomas A. Wilder, Clerk of the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Fort Worth, this the 1st day of July, 2015.

By Kimberly Krumland Deputy

KIMBERLY KRUMLAND

NOTICE: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

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**NATIONAL UNION FIRE
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VS.

**WAUSAU UNDERWRITERS
INSURANCE CO., ET AL**

ISSUED

This 1st day of July, 2015

Thomas A. Wilder
Tarrant County District Clerk
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FORT WORTH TX 76196-0402

By **KIMBERLY KRUMLAND** Deputy

CHESTER MAKOWSKI
Attorney for: NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PITTS
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Cause No. 141-279513-15

NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PITTSBURG
VS.
WAUSAU UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE CO., ET AL

TO: LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.

B/S CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY REG AGT 211 E 7TH ST STE 620 AUSTIN, TX
78701-3218

You said DEFENDANT are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days after the date of service hereof before the 141st District Court in and for Tarrant County, Texas, at the Courthouse in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas said PLAINTIFF being

NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PITTSBURG

Filed in said Court on June 30th, 2015 Against
WAUSAU UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE CO., LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC.

For suit, said suit being numbered 141-279513-15 the nature of which demand is as shown on said ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT a copy of which accompanies this citation.

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Address 5300 MEMORIAL DR STE 675 HOUSTON, TX 77007

Thomas A. Wilder, Clerk of the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Fort Worth, this the 1st day of July, 2015.

By Kimberly Krumland Deputy
KIMBERLY KRUMLAND

NOTICE: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

Thomas A. Wilder, Tarrant County District Clerk, 200 E WEATHERFORD, FORT WORTH TX 76196-0402

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This 1st day of July, 2015

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Plaintiff**

v.

**WAUSAU UNDERWRITERS
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MUTUAL GROUP, INC.,
Defendants**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

141ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DEFENDANTS' ORIGINAL ANSWER AND VERIFIED DENIAL

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COME NOW Defendants Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company and Liberty Mutual Group Inc. and file this Original Answer and Verified Denial to Plaintiff's Original Petition for Declaratory Judgment and for such would respectfully show the Court the following:

I.

GENERAL DENIAL

Pursuant to TEX. R. CIV. P. 92, Defendants deny each and every, all and singular, the allegations set forth in Plaintiff's Original Petition for Declaratory Judgment and demand strict proof thereof by a preponderance of the evidence at the final trial of this case.

II.

VERIFIED DENIAL

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 93 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant Liberty Mutual Group Inc. denies that it is a proper party to this lawsuit on the grounds that it did not issue the relevant insurance policy to Plaintiff in this case. The insurance policy at issue in this lawsuit was issued by Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company.

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendants Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company and Liberty Mutual Group Inc. respectfully pray that upon final hearing hereof, Plaintiff National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, P.A. take nothing by reason of this action, that Defendants be awarded their costs of court, and for such other and further relief to which they may show themselves justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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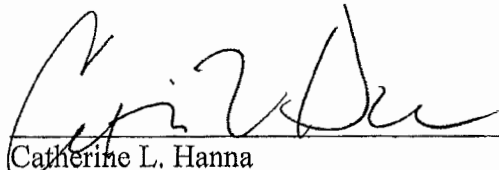
ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANTS

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been delivered by e-service and/or facsimile on this 24th day of July, 2015 to:

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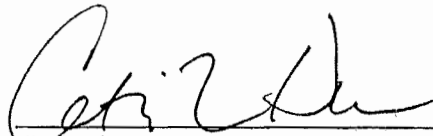

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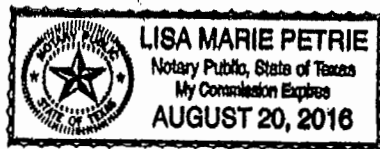
VERIFICATION

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority in and for the State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Catherine L. Hanna known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed hereto, who being first duly sworn in the manner provided by law on oath stated that she is duly qualified to make this affidavit on behalf of Liberty Mutual Group Inc., one of the Defendants in the above-entitled and numbered cause, that she has read Paragraph II of the Original Answer and Verified Denial and the matters stated therein are within her personal knowledge and are true and correct.


Catherine L. Hanna

24th SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day of July, 2015, to certify which witness my hand and official seal of office.




Notary Public for the State of Texas

EXHIBIT “B”

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EXHIBIT “D”

INDEX OF ALL DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE COURT

1. Notice of Removal of Action Under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332 and 1441(a) (Diversity)
2. True and correct copies of all pleadings, process and orders served in this action
3. State Court Docket Sheet
4. List of all Counsel of Record